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Snowden has not yet accepted Venezuela asylum: WikiLeaks

MOSCOW (AFP) - The WikiLeaks anti-secrecy website said Tuesday that fugitive US intelligence leaker Edward Snowden had not yet formally accepted asylum in Venezuela as was claimed by a top Russian lawmaker in a Twitter posting that was later deleted.

Pro-Kremlin lawmaker Alexei Pushkov sparked confusion when he tweeted Tuesday that Snowden had agreed to an offer from Caracas. He deleted the posting after about 30 minutes.

"Edward Snowden has not yet formally accepted asylum in Venezuela. The Russian lawmaker concerned has deleted the tweet," WikiLeaks said on its Twitter ac-

Mandela still 'critical but stable'

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) -Nelson Mandela remains in a "critical but stable" condition, the South African government said Tuesday, after more than one month of intensive hospital treatment.

President Jacob Zuma thanked members of the public for their prayers and "dignified gatherings outside the hospital" in Pretoria where the 94-year-old apartheid hero was rushed on June 8

Meanwhile friends and family offered an upbeat assessment of Mandela's condition.

"With less than two weeks to go before the old man's 95th birthday on 18 July, it's time to celebrate his life. The old man is very much alive," said grandson Ndaba Mandela outside the liospital.

Pushkov does not officially speak for the Russian government but has close Kremlin connections and is believed to relay views similar to those of President Vladimir Putin.

The lower house of parliament's foreign affairs committee chief said that "apparently this (Venezuelan) option looked like the most reliable one to Snowden."

Putin's spokesman declined to comment, saying all questions should be directed to Pushkov.

After removing his original post, Pushkov said in a separate message that he had learnt of the most recent development around Snowden from a news report on Russian state television channel Vesti 24.

He later rephrased his original message, saying Snowden had agreed to asylum in Venezuela, according to a Vesti 24 report.

"Venezuela finally received an answer from the CIA former agent," a news report on the channel's website said earlier Tuesday.

"The President of the Latin American country, Nicolas Maduro, received an official political asylum request from Edward Snowden," said the channel.

On Monday, Maduro called on Snowden to decide if he wanted to fly to Caracas.

"We have received the asylum request letter," Maduro told reporters in Caracas after he offered the 30-year-old former National Security Agency contractor asylum along with the leaders of Bolivia and Nicaragua.

"He will have to decide when he flies, if he finally wants to fly here," Maduro said. He called the offers from the three Latin American nations "collective humanitarian political asylum."

Aruba Hi Winds award night is punctuated by fundraising to save a young life



Men's Pro Slalom winner Taty Frans

The annual Aruba Hi-Winds, one of the top Pro/AM wind and kite boarding events of the region, ended with a jubilant, but bittersweet award night at Paseo Herencia Shopping Center in Palm Beach. The top placing contender enjoyed their moment in the spotlight, prior to event organizers turning to a far more serious topic, helping a young boy in desperate need.

World renown windsurfing slalom champion Taty Frans of Bonaire, who has been a fixture at the Hi-Winds since his youth, took the top spot again in the Men's Pro Slalom division, to no one's surprise. However, this year, Taty came to the Hi-Winds with a purpose, and the windsurfing community responded. Taty began a foundation for an 8-year-oldboy from Curacao, Theofile "Theo" Rodriquez, a windsurfing enthusiast and fan of Taty, who has unfortunately been stricken with cancer at

such a young age.

The youngster has already had an arm amputated, and they fear the cancer has reached his lungs, but his parents hope to take him to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, for the advanced care he requires. Unfortunately, the Curacao national health insurance will not cover the expense, nor provide any as-

International Kite boarding champion Rob Douglas, clocked as the fastest man in the world while on the water after setting a new record recently, was on Aruba for the Hi Winds. After taking the top place in the Men's Long Distance Kite Surfing competitions, Rob started the ball rolling by donating half his winnings to Taty's foundation, and the other half to a dog rescue foundation on Aruba. The Aruba Windsurfers Club (WRCA) continued in the same spirit by

donating all the proceeds of the 2013 Hi-Winds tee shirts to Taty's foundation for Theo.

Hi Winds Committee President Wim Eehlens, owner of Fiberworx Surf Shop and Evert Bongers continued the fundraising efforts by finishing the awards ceremony with an auction of a top of the line windsurf board donated by windsurfer Myles Borash of Boston, Massachusetts, and a mountain bike donated by Fiberwork. After some heavy bidding they managed to raise another \$1,600, and hope to generate more donations. For more information on donating directly to the foundation, visit Taty Frans' Facebook page.

Prior to this final community effort, the winning surfers from the region came to proudly display their country flag and accept their prizes and trophies.

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Tropical Storm Chantal heads towards the Caribbean



MIAMI (AFP) - Tropical Storm Chantal barrelled toward the Lesser Antilles islands in the Caribbean Sea on Tuesday on its way to the Dominican Republic and Haiti, the US National Hurricane Center reported.

As of o600 GMT Chantal was located about 250 kilometers (155 miles) east of Barbados packing maximum sustained winds of 85 kilometers (50 miles) per hour, the NHC said.

The storm is moving in a northwesterly direction at 43 kilometers per hour (26 mph).

Chantal's center will the eastern sweep into

Caribbean, and approach the parts of the Dominican Re-Dominican Republic on Wednesday, the hurricane center said.

Besides Puerto Rico and the southern coast of the Dominican Republic, tropical storm warnings are in effect for the French islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe, as well as for Barbados, Dominica and Santa Lucia, the NHC said.

Chantal is expected to strengthen during the next 48

It is also expected to dump two to four inches of rain over the Leeward and Windward Islands, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands and

public and Haiti, with maximum amounts of six inches possible, the NHC said.

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CENTER OF TROPICAL STORM CHANTAL WILL PASS APPROXIMATELY KM NORTH OF ARUBA ON WEDNESDAY JULY 10TH 2013.

TROPICAL STORM WINDS WILL STAY AP-PROXIMATELY 511 KM NORTH OF ARUBA.

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DIRECTION WINDMIGHT VARY BUT WITH MINIMUM EFFECTS

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL ADVISORY DUE TO THE LARGE DIS-TANCE TRACK FROM ARUBA.

Dollar rises ahead of Bernanke speech, Fed minutes

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) -The dollar Tuesday advanced against most major currencies as markets anticipated fresh insights on the Federal Reserve's stimulus tapering plans coming Wednesday.

Near 2200 GMT, the euro bought \$1.2787, down from \$1.2868 late Monday.

The dollar rose to 101.11 yen compared with 100.99.

The euro dropped to 129.29 yen from 129.96

The dollar also gained on the British pound and the Swiss franc.

The pound sank to \$1.4866 compared with \$1.4950 late Monday.

The dollar rose to 0.9730 Swiss franc from 0.9634.

The dollar's gains came ahead of today's release of the minutes from the June Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) policy meeting, and a speech by Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke in Boston.

Markets have for weeks intensely focused on when the Fed will taper its \$85 billion-a-month bond-buying program. In June, Bernanke

likely be scaled down beginning in the next few months, if economic conditions sup-

"For the FOMC minutes to drive the dollar sharply higher, we need it to show significant support for tapering in September," said Kathy Lien, managing director of BK Asset Manage-

Lien said the Fed's only remaining chances to scale back the policy are at the Fed's September or Decemmeetings. Bernanke will have the opportunity to explain the shift at a news conference.

Meanwhile, the euro was hit by comments from Jorg Asmussen, a member of the executive board of the European Central Bank, who was quoted as saying the ECB may keep interest rates low for more than a year.

The euro was also buffeted by a ratings downgrade by Standard and Poor's of Italy based on its weak economic outlook. S&P has a "negative" outlook on the country.







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Marriott Aruba provides associates checkup at work





Marriott Associates waiting for their health check-up

As part of Marriott's Spirit to Serve, the Aruba Marriott provided their associates the opportunity for a health checkup.

During the week of 24th till 28th of July the wellness bus of IBiSA, from the Institute of Healthy Living Aruba was stationed at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino parking lot to inform over two hundred fifty Marriott associates on the guidelines of healthy living.

The IBiSA team checked Marriott associates' sugar, blood pressure, cholesterol and weight, BMI, and gave them an extensive explanation on the following wellness guidelines:



Checking blood pressure, sugar and cholesterol

I. Eat sufficient amounts of fruits and vegetables, whole-wheat bread, nuts and fish. 2. Drink at least 7-8 glasses of water a day. 3. Avoid fat, sugar and salt. 4. Exercise/move for at least 60 minutes a day.

This can be e.g. 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the evening. 5. Sleep at least 7-8 hours a night. 6. Try to be relaxed. 7. Cigarettes and alcohol should be avoided. If you do enjoy an alcoholic beverage try not



Checking Body Mass Index

to drink every day and keep it to a 2 drinks a day maximum. 8. Harmony, peace and happiness in family, social and work environments are an essential part of your overall wellbeing. The feeling of being safe is a vital part of your overall wellbeing.

Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino would like to thank the entire team of IBiSA for their dedication and their efforts during this week.



Aruba Hi Winds awards night...

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1st-Mathias Verploeg, 2nd-Steven Lageveen, 3rd-Nic van den Eerenbeemt

Nicolas Verploeg of Aruba, Super Kids Nik v/d Erenbeemt of Aruba, Jun-

Alexis Zabala of Venezuela, Sports Taty Frans of

Bonaire, Pro Renato Pozolo of Brazil, Masters WOMEN'S

SLALOM: Monique Meijer of Bonaire

Long Distance: Miguelito Bruggerman of Venezuela



1st place Nic van den Eerenbeemt



Kiteboarding pro open winners Oscar Hurtado, Sergio Cuello and Manuel Milan



Women Kiteboarding champs Marie Lou of Ven, Janka and Noortje of Aruba



Taty Frans and top pro Rob Douglas who donated all his winnings

Those taking the top spot on the stand were from the youngest to the oldest:

> WINDSURFING: Men's Statom:

Aiden Geggie of Aruba, Barracuda

Sam Kaffener of Aruba, Big Kids

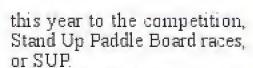
Pro Long Distance: Taty Frans

FREESTYLE: Kid of the Huts: Bastiaan de Koning of Bonaire

Prince of the Huts: Mathias Verploeg of Aruba

King of the Huts: Kiri Thode of Bonaire

A new event was added



Top three spots, in descending order, were taken by Dennis Martinez of Aruba, Diony Guadagnino Venezuela and Ingmar Schnitzler of Bonaire, demonstrating the widespread popularity of this newly introduced aquatic pastime.

Final awards were distributed to the kite boarding contenders. This category was introduced to the Hi Winds less than a decade ago, but is attracting an increasing number of competing pros to the island, where the winds are ideals.

The presence of pros such as Rob Douglas, now the world record holder after clocking over 55 miles an hour on the waters, is elevating the level of competition and the event.

FIRST PLACE IN THE KITE BOARDING EVENTS:

Men's Freestyle:

Pro/Open: Oscar Hurtado

Venezuela Long Distance: Rob Douglas of USA

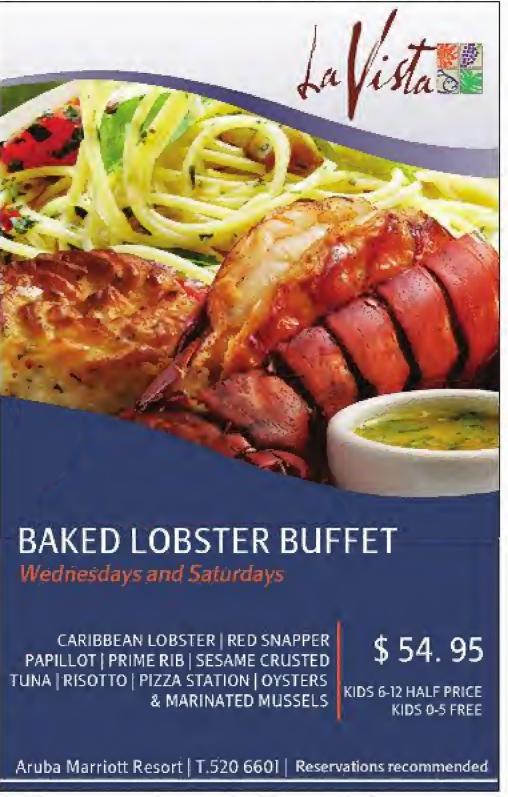
of

Women's: Marie-Lou of Venezuela

The award evening ended with the always popular screening of the Hi-Winds video of the year. This year's a particularly exciting blend of on the water action and beach ambiance that beautifully showcases the event and Aruba. Organizers thanked all the many volunteers and sponsors, particularly the Aruba Tourism Authority and Amstel Bright, for their contribution to another successful Hi Winds.

For full results of all the competitions and to view videos and photos of all the action, visit the website http://www.hiwindsaruba.c om/ or their Facebook page.





Cas Animal Cont'd A sweet, beautiful Filo mix has had supernatural good fortune



Sam, the newest rescue needing a good home

The last time THE MORN-ING NEWS did a story about Cas Animal dog rescue foundation and its founder Kirsten Arndt, supporters were dismayed to hear she was desperately ill and in need of traveling to Colombia to have a non-cancerous tumor removed from her spinal cord. Located at the juncture of her neck and head, it had her literally paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair.

"Kiki" had her operation in mid-May, and the results have been miraculous. She is back on the job, rescuing stray and abandoned dogs off Aruba's streets. Last week, she met a beautiful Filo-mix, who some fellow dog lovers had found on their street. The couple already feeds and cares for several dogs and cats in their home and neighborhood, and had not the time nor finances for another.

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named him, after the Sam Winchester character from the TV show "Supernatural," had a healthy blood count, good appetite, and is energetic. He is also incredibly sweet and affectionate. She came upon the dog as the vet and couple were contemplating putting him down, and took what she estimates to be a two year old dog into her

If anyone is looking for a beautiful dog that has already proven he will be a good watchdog to loving owners, contact Cas Animal Foundation about adopting Sam. An interesting mix of pills from Contreras Veterinary Clinic has killed off all the ticks, and he is immaculate and attractive, if a bit thin, but "eats like a horse," according to Kıkı.

Kirsten now cares for nearly 30 dogs in her home, which she has converted into a temporary shelter. Most are older, calmer dogs, which have gotten past the chewing stage, if families are looking

Though quite infested with for a good companion. There ticks, "Sam" as Kiki has are always puppies as well, in need of good homes. Her costs for feeding, treating and neutering all the dogs she rescues and maintains are astronomical.

> If anyone wishes to help, they can support her with donations in the form of payment to the Cas Animal Foundation account at the Contreras Veterinary Clinics, call; 587-0917, or to Animal Care Clinic in Paradera, phone number 582-8382. Donations can be made directly to the foundation's account: Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110. If you are not an island resident and wish to adopt a dog, or see one in distress, call Kiki at 742-8732 and she will help you through the process of acquiring the papers and a carrier needed to take one home. This is done regularly and many happy owners find great pleasure in being reminded every day of Aruba by the loving new members of their households.

By Rosalie Klein

Budweiser presents renowned **Bachata singer Victor Manuel to** Aruba



Playa Liquor, proud representative of the prestigious 'King of all Beers', Budweiser are presenting this week the famous Bachata artists Victor Manuel Victor Manuel will be giving some tremendous presentations at different spots on the island.

He will be starting off his presentations July 10th at Mojitos Discotek, July 12th at Makumba Discotek, followed by Iriam Bar on July

13th and finishing on July 14th at New Town Diskotek (Ex-Samba Caramba).

Victor Manual de la Rosa was born in The Dominican Republic and from little started singing in the choir of his church. By 12, he was already part of the band 'Compostela' singing bachatas.

His music video "Ahora Quien" was nominated in 2006 by the Dominican Republic's artists. association

(ACROARTE) as video clip of the year, competing among the big names in local as well as international bachata singers.

Victor Manuel has joined an exclusive group of artist with his latest hit "De Vuelta."

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Mohamed ElBaradei, Egypt's new vice president

CAIRO (AFP) - Liberal opposition leader Mohamed El-Baradei, who was named as Egypt's new vice president for foreign affairs on Tuesday, is a respected former head of UN nuclear watchdog the International Atomic Energy Agency.

ElBaradei's appointment, which follows the military overthrow of Islamist president Mohamed Morsi last week, comes days after he

BRASILIA (AFP) - US elec-

tronic espionage operations

have targeted a variety of

Latin American countries be-

sides regional heavyweight

Brazil, including key Wash-

ington ally Colombia and its

nemesis Venezuela, a Brazil-

ian newspaper reported Tues-

the latest in a series on US

electronic surveillance oper-

ations based on documents

leaked by fugitive former

NSA contractor Edward

target of espionage over the

past five years after Brazil

and Mexico in the activities

of the (US) National Security

PRISM Internet surveillance

Through its so-called

Agency," the daily said.

"Colombia was the second

Snowden.

The report in O Globo was

was tipped to lead the cabinet but his nomination was rejected by the ultra-conservative Salafist party al-Nur.

ElBaradei returned to Egypt in February 2010 after retiring as IAEA chief, and forged close ties with the liberal pro-democracy movement that spearheaded the overthrow of Hosni Mubarak's 30-year rule in February, 2011.

The Tamarod campaign

program, the NSA "lifted

data on oil and military pur-

chases in Venezuela, energy

and drugs in Mexico, in addi-

tion to mapping the move-

ments of the (leftist)

Revolutionary Armed Forces

gram, the NSA can issue di-

rectives to Internet firms like

Google and Facebook to gain

access to emails, online

chats, pictures, files and

videos uploaded by foreign

"steady data collection in

Colombia between 2008 and

the first quarter of this year,"

phone calls, emails and satel-

lite intercepts, it added.

The data include tele-

The documents showed

Under the PRISM pro-

of Colombia," it said.

behind the protests that led to
Morsi's ouster and replacement by caretaker president
Adly Mansour had already
nominated ElBaradei to represent the movement in tran-

sition negotiations with the military.

In January 2012, his decision to quit the race for the presidency was seen in Egypt as a slap in the face for post-Mubarak military rulers and one depriving liberals of a key champion.

In late June this year, he urged Morsi to resign after one year in office for the sake of national unity, ahead of record opposition-backed rallies calling on the Islamist leader to step down.

"For Egypt's sake, I call on President Mohamed Morsi to resign and give us the opportunity to begin a new phase based on the principles of the revolution, which are freedom and social justice," ElBaradei said last month.

Rather than join a political party, the 71-year-old Nobel Peace laureate created a movement of his own to act as an umbrella for a range of opposition groups -- the National Association for Change.

Some 1.5 million people due in Rio for papal visit



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) Some 1.5 million pilgrims
are expected in Rio late this
month for Pope Francis' visit
during a major Roman
Catholic youth fest, a top
state security official said
Tuesday.

"According to the latest figures, we are expecting up to 1.5 million people" for World Youth Day (WYD) July 23-28," said Roberto Alzir Dias Chavez, the deputy security secretary for Rio de Janeiro state.

He added that he did not know if attendance was likely to be affected by nationwide social unrest that joited Brazil last month.

Ininially, organizers of the Catholic fest were expecting to draw two million people for the second WYD in Latin America, 26 years after the

one held in Buenos Aires in the presence of then pope John Paul II.

With the surprise election of an Argentine pontiff, they even made plans for the arnival of up to 2.5 million pilgrims.

Last month, hundreds of thousands of Brazilians marched nationwide to demand better public services and an end to endemic corruption.

They also questioned why the government was investing billions of dollars in sporting events like next year's World Cup when education, housing and transport are underfunded.

Brazil boasts the world's biggest Catholic community -- 123 million out of a total population of 194 million.

But Catholics are facing a surge in the number of evangelical Protestants, from 26.2 million in 2000 to 42.3 million in 2010.

Amazon, Apple, end dispute over 'Appstore' name

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www.sasaki-apartments.com E-mail: sasakiapartments@hotmail.com SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) -Apple dropped its lawsuit Tuesday against rival Amazon for using the term "Appstore" for its online shop for mobile gadget applications.

"With more than 900,000 apps and 50 billion downloads, customers know where they can purchase their favorite apps," an Apple statement said.

"We no longer see a need

to pursue our case against Amazon."

A court order dismissing

the case was signed Tuesday in US federal court in northern California, where Apple had filed the suit in 2011.

The suit had claimed that Amazon's use of Appstore infringed Apple's rights for its App Store, where it sells mobile applications for its iPad and iPhone.

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International News

Powerful Bulgarian bishop found drowned

SOFIA (AFP) - A powerful and controversial Bulgarian Orthodox Church bishop who spied for the Communists and had a taste for luxury cars was found dead on a Black Sea beach on Tuesday.

Bishop Kiril was initially thought to have died from drowning but Bulgarian state radio, citing police and prosecutors, said the 59-year-old's death may have been suspicious.

An autopsy was being carried out to determine the cause of death, which happened in the city of Varna, the diocese the bishop represented.

He had acted as interim Bulgarian patriarch between November 2012 and February 2013 after the death of longtime Patriarch Maxim.

However he also proved a controversial figure.

Last year he was exposed as

a spy for the Bulgarian secret service when the communists controlled the country between 1944 and 1989.

He was among 11 orthodox bishops outed as a former intelligence agent.

A year earlier he prompted anger after appearing before his congregation in a top-of-the-range Lincoln MKZ hybrid car, bragging only he and US Pesident Barack Obama had such a vehicle.

The car was said to be a present from a businessman.

He represented Bulgaria's Orthodox Church in Moscow under communism and became the bishop for the Varnametropolitan area shortly before the fall of the communist regime.

The Orthodox Church is the oldest Slavic church and has some 6.4 million worshippers in Bulgaria, a country with a population of 7.3 million.

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Colombia extradites notorious drug boss to US



BOGOTA (AFP) - The last of the major Colombian drug lords -- Daniel "El Loco" Barrera -- was extradited to the United States Tuesday, where there had been a \$5 million reward for his capture, Colombian police said.

Barrera, who was captured in Venezuela last year and deported to Colombia, was turned over to US Drug Enforcement Administration agents in Bogota and put on a plane to New York.

"This is the end of the last big capo of the 1980s," General Jose Roberto Leon, the head of the Colombia police, said as he turned over Barrera to the US agents at an air base in Bogota.

Leon was referring to an era when Colombia was under the sway of powerful and violent drug lords like the Medellin cartel's notorious Pablo Escobar.

Barrera, 43, was shown to reporters in handcuffs and wearing a bullet-proof vest.

He then boarded a DEA aircraft for the flight to New York, via the US naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

He is wanted by authorities in New York and Florida for allegedly smuggling tons of cocame into the United States between 1992 and 2012, in partnership with leftist FARC guernllas.

Colombia is the world's largest producer of cocaine, having made 345 tons of the drug in 2011, according to UN estimates.

Trial of cruise ship 'Captain Coward' opens in Italy

GROSSETO (AFP) - Captain Francesco Schettino, dubbed Italy's "most hated man" by tabloids over the spectacular crash of his cruise ship in 2012 with the loss of 32 lives, went on trial on Tuesday charged with manslaughter.

The 52-year-old, also dubbed "Captain Coward" over accusations that he abandoned ship while terrified passengers were still trapped onboard, looked tense as he arrived for the start of the trial in Grosseto.

It is being held in a local theatre in the city, the closest to the site of the wreck of the Costa Concordia on the island of Giglio, due to the large numbers of survivors from the tragedy expected to attend.

Schettino, wearing large sunglasses and a bright blue suit, came in through the press entrance by mistake and was immediately mobbed by reporters, fending them off and asking to be let through.

Schettino, who is not being detained during the trial, has asked for television cameras not to be allowed in.

The hearing was cut short after just a few minutes because of a national lawyers' strike and the trial was postponed to July 17.

With his slicked-back hair and macho swagger, Schettino has been portrayed as a villain who was showing off in front of a female guest by performing a risky "salute" manoeuvre which ended in tragedy.

"Madonna, what have I done?" he was heard gasping on audio recordings from the bridge just after the crash.

But his defence team has said that while he made mistakes he should not be the sole defendant, and the ship's owner Costa Crociere, Europe's top cruise operator,

should share at least some of the blame.

Lawyers for some survivors say he is a scapegoat. Locals in Grosseto also

showed a degree of sympathy for the captain.

Schettino has been charged with multiple manslaughter, causing environmental damage and abandoning the ship.

Costa earlier admitted limited responsibility as Schettino's employer and was ordered to pay one million euros (\$1.3 million) in a controversial ruling that has excluded it from criminal proceedings.





Health & Living

South Korean girl with lab-made windpipe dies

CHICAGO - A 2-year-old girl who was implanted with a windpipe grown from her own stem cells has died, three months after she became the youngest person to receive the experimental treatment. Hannah Warren died Saturday at Children's Hospital of Illinois in Peoria, hospital spokeswoman Shelli Dankoff said. The hospital said in a statement that Hannah couldn't overcome additional health issues that were identified as her care progressed." Hannah's treatment was part of an ongoing scientific effort to develop lab-grown tissues and organs. Similar methods have been used to grow bladders, urethras and last year a girl in Sweden got a lab-made vein using her own stem cells and a cadaver vein. In Hannah's



case, the stem cells came from her bone marrow. They were seeded in a lab onto a plastic scaffold, where it took a few days for them to multiply and create a new windpipe, which was implanted April 9.

Hannah was born in South Korea and travelled to Illinois for the surgery.

French diet guru Dukan sanctioned over slimming drug

PARIS (AFP) - France's medical order has sanctioned nutritionist Pierre Dukan, whose high-protein diet has seen him sell millions of books and win over a slew of famous followers, for having prescribed a slimming drug linked to hundreds of deaths.

Dukan, whose diet was reportedly used by the Middleton family ahead of Kate's 2011 wedding to Britain's Prince William, was sanctioned for having prescribed the anti-diabetes drug Mediator to a female patient in 1971, his lawyer Edouard de Lamaze said.

The Paris region branch of the French Order of Doctors suspended Dukan's medical license for eight days for the "breach of ethical duties" and ordered him to pay 6,000 euros (\$7,700) to the patient, who subsequently developed heart problems.

Dukan was also sanctioned for having made "grossly misleading assertions" that he had only prescribed the drug once, when medical records showed

times. The lawyer said he was appealing the decision and accused the medical order of carrying out a vendetta against his client.

he had actually done so five

Dukan is facing further disciplinary action after medical orders accused him last year of breaking professional rules by

proposing that high school students be awarded extra marks if they manage to maintain an acceptable body weight.

Mediator, which reduces hunger pangs, was widely used as a slimming aid in France until it was pulled from the market in 2009 after evidence emerged of hundreds of deaths caused by damage to heart valves.

A study last year said the drug had probably caused at least 1,300 deaths before being withdrawn.

has overtaken the United States as the fattest country on this half of the globe, CBS News reports.

With a 32.8 percent adult obesity rate, Mexico just inches past the 31.8 percent obesity rate in the United States, according to a study released last month by the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization.

Almost 70 percent of Mexican adults are overweight. Childhood obesity has tripled in the past 10 years and one-third of teenagers are also just as obese, CBS reported.

That makes Mexico the most obese country in the hemisphere and one of the fattest countries on the planet. The problems caused by obesity are causing a public health crisis in Mexico, with children growing fatter and adults increasingly dying from heart disease and diabetes.



Turkish man locks head in wire cage to quit smoking

-- A Turkish man has literally locked his head in a cage as a last ditch attempt to quit the habit. In a YouTube video, 42year-old Ibrahim Yucel explains why he went to such an extreme measure:

"I have been smoking since high school," he says in the video. "I have tried to quit smoking each year on my birthday. Unfortunately, I could not."

Yucel told the Hurriyet Daily News that he smoked two packs a day for more than 20 years before putting on the cage helmet, which he says was inspired by seeing motorcycle riders in helmets.

"My father developed lung cancer and died because of smoking," Yucel says in the video. "I decided it was time



to hinder my will."

And for at least two days he's managed to stay digarette free, though not without some serious effort and potential emb arras sment.

To construct the helmet cage, Yucel took around 130 feet of copper wire and wound it into a tight circle and placed

two locks at the bottom of the cage. When he heads out to work each morning, he gives the cage keys to either his wife or his daughter.

While at work, Yucel says he can drink water through a straw and manages to eat small crackers through openings in the wire helmet.





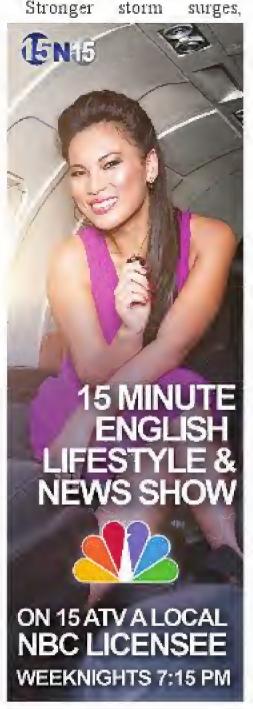
Sci-Tech Stronger, more frequent! Dropbox aims to replace tropical cyclones ahead

WASHINGTON (AFP) The world typically sees about 90 tropical cyclones a year, but that number could increase dramatically in the next century due to global warming, a US scientist said Monday.

Rising greenhouse gas emissions could lead to a 10 to 40 percent increase in the frequency of tropical cyclones by the year

2100, said prominent climate scientist Kerry Emanuel of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Those storms could be up to 45 percent more intense, making landfall 55 percent stronger -- a "substantial" increase, said the research in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.





winds and rain would likely be felt most acutely in the southern Indian Ocean, North Pacific and North Atlantic Ocean, and could raise risks of damage in coastal areas, he

Satellite data has shown that cyclones -- which are rotating systems of clouds and thunderstorms -- have remained relatively consistent in frequency and power over the past 40 years.

But he projected a steady uptick in the future using six

different climate models combined with forecasts from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which predicts carbon dioxide emissions will about triple by 2100.

Tropical cyclones can bring heavy rains and winds, and vary in potency from tropical depression to tropical storm to hurricane.

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thermal heat upward, causing get stronger.



TORONTO (AFP) - Toronto residents faced a messy morning commute Tuesday after torrential rains caused power outages in Canada's largest city. The utility company Toronto Hydro said 300,000 people were left without power and that as of midnight only 30-40,000 had it restored due to flooding at two transmission stations, broadcaster CBC reported. The water flooded basements and highway underpasses. Some people were trapped in cars, with water to their windows. CBC said about 1,400 people were caught by the flooding aboard a train. It took police and firefighters hours to get everyone to dry ground aboard small inflatable boats.

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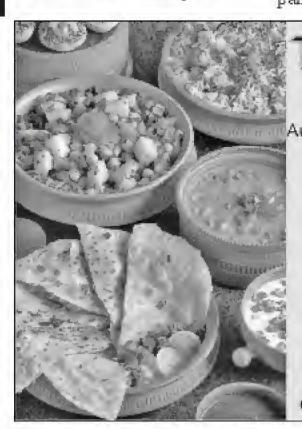


-- At Dropbox's first DBX developer conference in San Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico | Francisco, CEO Drew Houstypically see about six hurri- I ton announced the Dropbox Platform, a suite of developer per year, while the Pacific I tools that make it easier for Ocean gets about 10 hurri- apps to sync data -- not just files and folders -- across deaccording to US government vices and operating systems. Built on top of the Sync API, Cyclones form in areas - Houston said the new Dropwhere there is warm deep box Platform is designed to water and cool humid air. I "replace the hard drive" and Wind over the water pushes I that "sync is the new save." A key component of that is the the warming air to circle and Datastore API, which lets you sync data like contacts, to-do items and game state -- so you can save your Angry Birds level across your different gadgets for example.

> Another platform element is the "Drop-in," which are a few lines of code that developers can use for cross-platform

compatibility. Two such dropins are the "Chooser," which gives apps instant access to files in Dropbox, and "Saver," which provides one-click saving to the cloud. These tools have been around already, but are just now available for native iOS and Androd apps. Some of the third-party companies that have signed onto the new Dropbox Platform include Shutterstock, PicMonkey, Asana, Yahoo! Mail, Animoto, 1 Password, CloudOn, FedEx and Fargo.

As part of the announcement, Dropbox also touted a new feature for Mailbox -that much-hyped app that Dropbox bought in March. It will now finally be able to send attachments directly from the app, which is something that the native iOS client can't do. All you'll have to do is tap the paper clip icon to open a list of Dropbox files, select your file and away you go. However, we've not yet heard just when this app update will be rolling out. We've included a screenshot of the Mailbox interface after the break. As for the developers amongst you, feel free to head to the source to get more details on the cloud storage company's new platform.



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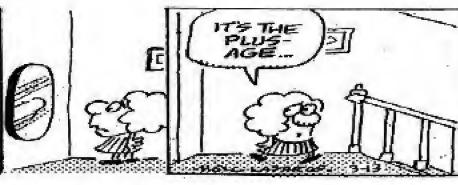






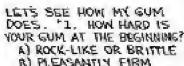
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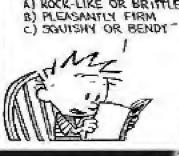




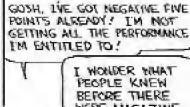
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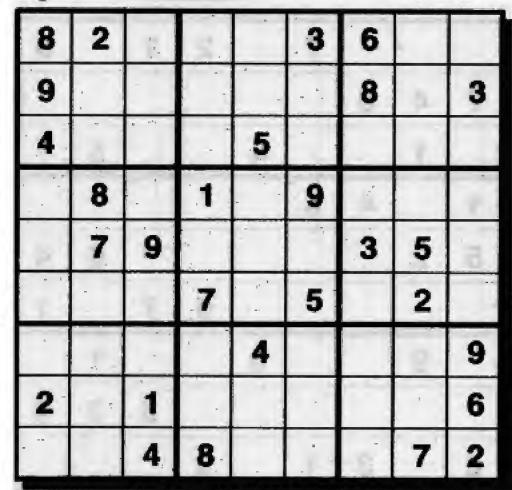
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IMF cuts 2013 global growth forecast

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The International Monetary Fund on Tuesday cut its global economic growth forecast, citing new downside risks in key emerging-market economies and a deeper recession in the eurozone.

The IMF projected the world's economy would grow 3.1 percent in 2013, down from its April estimate of 3.3 percent. China and other emerging economic powers now face new risks, it warned, "including the possibility of a longer growth slowdown."

The global lender said that growth had been affected by increased financial market volatility and rising interest rates in advanced economies since its last World Economic Outlook report was published in April.

The expected US Federal Reserve's unwinding of its massive monetary policy stimulus could trigger sustained capital outflows from emerging-markets, the IMF warned.

But fiscal policy options may be limited.

Growth in the emergingmarket and developing economies was expected to slow to 5.0 percent in 2013, instead of the 5.3 percent expansion seen a few months ago.

The main impact was being seen on the top emerging market economies, the "BRICS" - Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.

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would expand by 7.8 percent, three-tenths of a point slower than thought.

The recession in the eurozone was deeper than expected, the IMF said, citing a toxic combination of low demand, depressed confidence, weak balance sheets and the impact of tight fiscal and financial conditions.

S&P downgrades Italy on effects of recession

PARIS (AFP) - Ratings agency Standard and Poor's on Tuesday downgraded the sovereign rating of crisis-hit Italy by one notch to 'BBB' on worries over the country's ability to resist effects of a dilapidating recession

The agency also lowered its gross domestic product growth forecast for Italy in 2013, to negative 1.9 percent, compared with a prediction of negative 1.4 percent in March.

Italy's debt rating was also hit with a negative outlook, meaning the agency does not exclude a further downgrade in the near-term.

Last week, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) also cut its growth forecast for Italy, saying the prospects for the eurozone's third largest economy remained weak and unemployment was "unacceptably high".

The IMF said it expected the Italian economy to contract by 1.8 percent this year, from an earlier forecast for a 1.5-percent shrinkage.

For next year, however, it predicted in its annual report that the economy would grow by 0.7 percent but warned of possible stumbling blocks such as policy slippage and tighter credit.

The IMF said Italy's government should speed up reforms and implement long-delayed privatisations.

Uruguay confirms Venezuela to be Mercosur head

BRASILIA (AFP) - Venezuela will take over the temporary presidency of Mercosur at the trading bloc's upcoming summit in Montevideo since Paraguay remains suspended, Uruguayan Foreign Minister Luis Almagro said here Tuesday

With Paraguay still under suspension, the pro tempore presidency will be transferred, in line with the alphabetic order, to Venezuela on Friday, he said following talks with his Brazilian counterpart Antonio Patriota.

Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay suspended Paraguay from Mercosur after then president Fernando Lugo was impeached by the Paraguayan Congress and removed from office on June 22, 2012.

Lugo resigned but denounced the action as a "parliamentary coup," drawing support from Buenos Aires and Brasilia and new member Venezuela, which have shunned Lugo's successor Federico Franco.

Monday, Asuncion warned that it would not rejoin the bloc if leftist Venezuela assumes the presidency.

Paraguay is scheduled to be reinstated once rightwing tobacco tycoon Horacio Cartes, who was elected president in the April election, formally takes office on August 15.

Oil prices narrowly mixed amid supply concerns

LONDON (AFP) - Global oil prices were narrowly mixed on Tuesday amid easing worries over potential Middle East supply disruptions despite escalating violence in Egypt, analysts said.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in August dipped four cents to stand at \$107.39 a barrel in late London deals.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate for August, gained 14 cents to \$103.28 a barrel.

Commerzbank analysts said that "supply risks have been reduced somewhat following the resumption of oil production at an oil field in Libya".

They added in a note to clients. "The oil field has a daily production level of 350,000 barrels and had been closed since last week due to a security personnel dispute."

Michael McCarthy, chief market strategist at CMC Markets in Sydney, told AFP that the market was experiencing "a slight technical pullback... after the recent gains." The crisis in Egypt in the wake of last week's military coup has womied investors, who fear a disruption in supplies through the Suez Canal and the Sumed Pipeline, which together carry almost three million barrels a day.

Egypt's interim leader promised that fresh elections would be held by early next year as Islamists prepared to rally on Tuesday after dozens of ousted president. Mohamed. Morsi's loyalists died in clashes at a Cairo military barracks.



MADRID (AFP) placards reading "PP shame of Spain" (R) and "For fake and thieve, PP, resignation" as protesters around 300 people against corruption outside the PP (Popular Party)'s headquarters, in Madrid on July 9, 2013. A corruption scandal implicating Spain's Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy reignited today with the publication of an original handwritten account ledger purportedly showing illegal payments to him while he was a minister.

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Norway	NOK	30.67	31,39	29.53
Japan	JPY	214.88	216.84	177.8

Vatican lifts sin penance for Brazil pilgrims



month.

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Pilgrims who flock to see Pope Francis in Rio de Janeiro will be forgiven from penance for their sins -- if they spend their time praying in the party-loving city, the Vatican has said.

Rome issued the "plenary indulgence", an archaic tradition dating back to the Middle Ages, ahead of the Pontiff's trip to South America later this

The decree does not mean sins will be automatically forgiven but any punishment is lifted from believers who follow the rules.

The Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican court for the forgiveness of sins, said in a statement on Tuesday that believers attending would first have to confess, go to mass and be "truly penitent and contrite".

The indulgence would also apply to anyone who follows the "rites and pious exercises" on television, radio and even through social media as long as Internet prayer is done with "requisite devotion".

Pope Francis is flying to Brazil to attend Catholic World Youth Day, where millions are expected.

It will be the Pope's first visit to his native Latin America since he was elected by cardinals in March.

He will be in Brazil, the world's largest Catholic country, for seven days, beginning July 22.

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Elton John cancels European tour



LONDON (AFP) - British pop king Elton John has cancelled the rest of his European tour after he was struck down with appendicitis, his spokesman said on Tuesday. The flamboyant 66-year-old was due to headline at the British Summer Time festival on Friday night, but his doctors have advised him to cancel all shows in his current tour, which includes dates in France, Germany, Italy and Spain.He had told the crowds at France's Festival de Poupet last Wednesday that he was feeling ill, but added in French that he would "do his best". It is the latest health scare for the singer, who cancelled several concerts last year when he was struck down with a respiratory infection and then food poisoning while touring the United States.He had a pacemaker fitted in 1999 after doctors found he had an irregular heartbeat. He and his partner David Furnish, a film producer, became parents for the second time in January via a surrogate mother in the United States. The couple have been together for almost 20 years and have been in a civil partnership since

Three US kidnap victims release thankyou video



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Three US women who spent a decade of captivity in a Cleveland home have spoken publicly for the first time since their escape, thanking supporters and asking for continued privacy to rebuild their lives. The woman who reportedly suffered the most violent abuse at the hands of their captor said she had been to "hell and back" but could now smile about the future. The three women each spoke briefly from notes in the three-minute video posted Tuesday on YouTube by a public relations firm. They thanked people for donating to a fund to help them rebuild their lives after their ordeal.

Dogs used as drug mules from Mexico to Italy: police



ROME (AFP) - South American drug gangs in Milan have been using dogs to smuggle cocaine from Mexico to Italy, the police said on Tuesday after an operation that found at least 48 dogs had been killed to retrieve the drugs.

The animals were forced to swallow plastic packets containing the drug before being sent to Italy on flights that usually landed at Linate airport in Milan.

The packages were wrapped in black vinyl tape to shield them from X-ray checks at the airports.

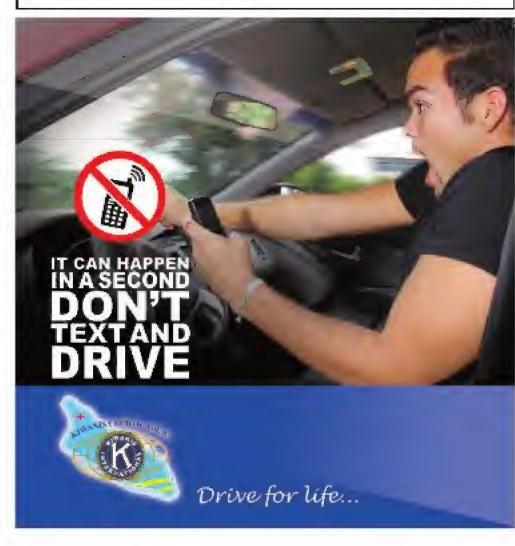
The drug traffickers then dismembered the dogs.

A court on Tuesday ordered that 49 people arrested in the operation to face trial under a fast-track procedure, a police spokesman in Milan told AFP.

They are all alleged members of South American "pandillas" ("drug rings") that used the dogs.

There were outraged reactions from Italian associations for the defence of animals that expressed their support for police involved in the operation.

This cruel smuggling method often ends up killing the dogs before they get to their destination as even a minimal leak of the cocaine can be fatal to the animals.



Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded get-



away; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown." observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold

Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the decor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further en-

hance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www. goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Grandma's clasic Stew beef with Rice and Potato salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom,

Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"-"Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena -"Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted

Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

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The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

They are open daily, from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm,

Telf: 5860606 and email: saus. arubancuisine@live.com, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!



Hernandez slammed door on homicide detectives : cops

ATTLEBORO - When North Attleboro police officers first asked Aaron Hernandez about his relationship with Odin Lloyd at 10:30 p.m. on June 17, the former Patriots tight end told the officers he had rented a Chevrolet Suburban for his friend "O." Hernandez added that he had seen Lloyd "up his way" in Boston the day before but then grew aggravated with the inquines.

Hernandez insisted all other questions should be directed to his attorney. He went into his house, retrieved a business card for his attorney, came back out and handed it to the police, who informed him that they were conducting a death investigation. They did not mention whose death. Hemandez retreated inside his house

again, slammed the door and locked it behind him.

The records reveal 156 pages of details gathered during the ongoing homicide investigation into Lloyd's death that has resulted in three men being arrested, including Hernandez, who currently sits in a local jail facing first-degree • murder charges. The documents depict an emotionless 🐟 Hernandez and the stockpiles . of ammunition he maintained 🚡 both at his manse in North Attleborough, as well as his "flop house" in nearby Franklin. Links between Lloyd and Hernandez are established throughout the report by technology, family interviews and . surveillance tapes connected . by authorities from various sources.

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Tour de France





SAINT-MALO (AFP) - Germany's Marcel Kittel of Argos dominated a group sprint to win the 10th stage of the Tour de France, held over 197 km between Saint Gildas des Bois and Saint Malo on Tuesday

Yellow jersey holder Chris Froome of Team Sky finished just behind the sprinters to retain his lead of 1min 25sec on Spaniard Alejandro Valverde of Movistar.

Kittel, the winner of stage one when the German also took the yellow jersey, pipped compatriot Andre Greipel (Lotto) to become the first sprinter on this year's 100th edition to win two stages.

British champion Mark Cavendish finished a distant third, but the Lotto rider could

face sanctions from race officials after he was shown to have barged into one of Kittel's Argos teammates in the closing 150 metres.

The incident sent Tom Veelers flying and the Dutchman was lucky to escape with no senous mjuries.

SPORTS

Football Mariners sign Dutch defender Seip



SYDNEY (AFP) - A-League champions the Central Coast Mariners Tuesday signed experienced Dutch defender Marcel Seip for the next three seasons.

The 31-year-old, who has previously played for English clubs Blackpool, Sheffield United and Bradford City, will join from Dutch team VVV Venlo.

Seip said it was a big decision to move to Australia with his family, but he was encouraged by Mariners midfielder Nick Montgomery who also played for Sheffield United in 2010.

"I spoke to Montgomery and he said life is amazing, that football in Australia is on the up, and that the Mariners are the current A-League Champions," Seip said in a statement.

"My wife is also close friends with Nick's wife and we have been in contact since talking about Australia."

Coach Graham Arnold said Seip was a quality addition to the Mariners' already solid defence.

"He is a strong defender, and someone I believe will add steel to our backline," he said.



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Football: Bayern lead way in NHL: Niedermayer, European player award

PARIS (AFP) - Four Bayern Munich stars were nominated in a 10-man list by UEFA on Tuesday to decide the top player plying his trade in Eu-

The award will be handed out on August 29 in Monaco, the day of the Champions League group stage draw and day before the European Super Cup.

Franck Ribery, Thomas Mueller, Arjen Robben and Bastian Schweinsteiger made the list alongside Barcelona's World Player of the Year Lionel Messi and Tottenham's English Premier League Player of the Year Gareth Bale.

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Messi



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Messi was one of only two Spain-based players alongside Cristiano Ronaldo, the man he deposed as World Player of the Year.

English champions Manchester United's Robin van Persie is the only other Premier League based player while Zlatan Ibrahimovic represents Paris Saint-Germain and France with Borussia Dortmund's Robert Lewandowski ensuring Germany provided half the nominees, hardly surprising as Bayern and Dortmund contested May's champions League final, won by the Bayanans.

It will be the third edition of the award won by Messi in 2011 and Andres Injesta last year.

A short-list of three finalists will be announced on August 6, after which the winner will be voted for by journalists from UEFA's 53 member nations.



Robben



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10-man shortlist

Gareth Bale (WAL/Tottenham), Cristiano Ronaldo (POR/Real Madrid), Zlatan Ibrahimovic (SWE/Panis Saint-Germain), Robert Lewandowski (POL/Borussia Dortmund), Lionel Messi (ARG/Barcelona), Thomas Mueller (GER/Bayern Munich), Franck Ribery (FRA/Bayern Munich), Arjen Robben (NED/Bayern Munich), Bastian Schweinsteiger (GER/Bayern Munich), Robin van Persie (NED/Manchester United).

Shero elected to Hall of Fame



TORONTO (AFP) - Two-time Olympic gold medallist Scott Niedermayer and back-to-back Stanley Cup winning coach Fred Shero have been elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Brendan Shanahan, Chris Chelios and Canadian women's player Geraldine Heaney will also be inducted at a lavish ceremony on November 11 in Toronto

Canadian defenceman Niedermayer got in on his first year of eligibility. He won four Stanley Cup titles, including three with the New Jersey Devils, 1995, 2000 and 2003. His latest came with the Anaheim Ducks in 2007 when he was also named most valuable player of the playoffs.

He played 18 seasons in the NHL after being selected third overall in the 1991 entry draft by the Devils.

Niedermayer helped Canada to Olympic gold medals at the 2010 Vancouver Games and the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics.

Niedermayer was born in Edmonton, Alberta and grew up in Cranbrook, British Columbia. His father was working as a doctor in a remote northern Alberta community that didn't have a proper hospital so Niedermayer's mother had to fly to Edmonton to give birth.

In 1,263 NHL games, Niedermayer had 568 assists and 740 points.



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La Fama soccer team holds their victory parade



Last week La Fama soccer team put the cherry on the cake in the celebration of their 75th anniversary.

They were crowned National Champions of Aruba's top Division in soc-

cer for the first time ever.
After 75 years of trying finally fans from all over the island and especially their hometown of Savaneta could utter the words: "We are the Champions." Sun-

daty after attenting their 75th anniversary mass they set off for their victory parade!

Pabien La Fama!





